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Family pet

The Permian Basin Pet Cemetery is a final resting place for many beloved family pets. Owner Ed Armstrong says his next project is Pet Tenders, an ambulance service for domestic pets. Read about it in Sunday's Lifestyle section.



Family finance

The Texas Legislature passed several bills in its 68th session which affect independent oil and gas producers and royalty owners. Some highlights will be detailed in the Reporter-Telegram's Business-Energy Section on Sunday.



Family plan

Lael Cordes, regional director for the Permian Basin Office of Lutheran Social Service of Texas, writes about the recent change to an open attitude in adoptions and laws governing adoptions in this week's "Speaking Out" column, opposite the Opinion Page.



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Race to the top

Celestino Bejarano keeps a slight edge in a race with his shadow up the wall to the roof.

An employee of Lydick Roofing, Inc., Bejarano was repairing the roof of Lee High.

Texans among 23 killed in plane fire

DALLAS (AP) — An East Texas couple and the chairman of a Texas-based television manufacturing company were among the 23 people killed when fire broke out on an Air Canada flight bound from Dallas-Fort Worth to Toronto.

The Texas couple killed in the fire was identified as Mr. and Mrs. Cranfill H. Cox Jr. of Gilmer. Cranfill owned a Dairy Queen in the East Texas town.

Also killed was Curtis Mathes Jr., 54, the chairman of Irving-based Curtis Mathes Co., relatives said.

At least seven Texans were injured. A DeSoto woman who survived the blaze said the fire started in the rear of the DC-9 near a bathroom and filled the cabin with choking smoke.

Connie Kirsch, who was treated for smoke inhalation at a hospital near the Greater Cincinnati Airport Thursday night, told her husband by telephone that she was one of the first passengers moved away from the fire on Flight 797.

"She was sitting in the back and she said the smoke started coming from the back of the plane so they moved her to the second row from the front," said Rick Kirsch.

"She told me that the smoke was coming from the rear. Someone went back and opened the door to the john and the smoke really started coming out," he said. "She said someone tried to put it out with one of those fire extinguishers."



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About 18 people suffered smoke inhalation and other minor injuries.

Flight 797, carrying 41 passengers and five crew members, was en route from Dallas-Fort Worth to Toronto when the fire began, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Dennis Feldman in Washington.

The non-stop flight left on time at 4:15 p.m. but was forced to make an emergency landing in Cincinnati, said Ron Waters, district manager for Air Canada at the Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport.

Kirsch said his wife, who had originally wanted to sit in a forward seat,

escaped through a door near the front of the aircraft.

"She said they couldn't bring down the oxygen masks because of the fire. People started panicking, but she didn't and that's how she got out I think," Kirsch said.

Kirsch said he initially believed his wife had escaped from the rear of the plane and that most of the casualties had been towards the front, but he learned in a later phone call that his wife had been one of the first to move forward.

"I took her to the airport and put her on the plane. She almost sat in the front but decided to sit in the back," said Kirsch.

"I'm just going through hell still even though I know she's all right," Kirsch said. "My mind's just swirling."

Waters said Air Canada established a "family room" at a D-FW terminal for relatives of those aboard Flight 797, although no relatives arrived at the airport. Air Canada officials were urging anxious friends and family members to stay home near telephones.

Waters said a list of the dead would not be released until all relatives had been notified.

Other Texans injured in the accident were Randy Morris and Lisa Ehrich, 28, of Denton; Roy Grubbs, 52, of Waxahatchie; Harry Mosely, 42, of Dallas; Dianne Fadley, 24, of Garland; and Gerald Regan, 54, of Odessa.

Site change hearing begins

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Changing the site of a proposed drug treatment center in Midland would not affect existing medical service in the city, the president of Midland Memorial Hospital testified Thursday at the Texas Health Facilities Commission.

MMH, granted a permit last year to construct a 36,500 square foot treatment center in Midland, seeks to amend its permit by changing the location of the 50-bed center from Wadley Avenue and Whittle Way to a site one-half mile west of Loop 250.

The amendment request is being opposed by Parkview Hospital. Parkview also is contesting a similar request from West Plains Psychiatric Hospital, Hearing Examiner Gordon Hardin said.

Testimony began Thursday on MMH's case and witnesses for West Plains concluded the hearing in the afternoon.

"The change in site is approximately two miles from the original site," said Ray Branson, MMH president, who noted the location switch would not alter the project in any other way.

Branson said the new site — a 10-acre tract donated by Scharbauer Brothers and Co. in February — would allow "greater flexibility" compared to the original five-acre site on Wadley Avenue.

"Outdoor activities will be important to our patients," he said, adding that a

Parkview questioning centers around MMH financing letter

By GAIL BURKE
Staff Writer

Parkview Hospital's attorney focused questioning at a hearing Thursday in Austin on a letter — apparently omitted from subpoenaed documents — which concerned financing for Midland Memorial Hospital's \$3.4 million drug and alcohol treatment center.

MMH officials were at the Texas

Health Facilities Commission hearing in Austin Thursday to seek an amendment to relocate the site for a 50-bed drug and alcohol treatment center.

The request is being opposed by Parkview, which is also contesting a similar request from West Plains Psychiatric Hospital.

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jogging trail, basketball court or swimming pool might be constructed at the new site.

"It will certainly afford us flexibility in parking," Branson testified. "It is located in a lower population density area."

If the site is approved by the THFC, it will need to be annexed by the city of Midland, Branson said.

Currently, there are no water, sewer, electrical or telephone connections at the site, according to Branson, who speculated the value of the land is \$1 million.

Austin attorney Ace Pickens, repre-

senting Parkview Hospital, also questioned Branson about a letter from the Midland County Hospital District board of directors to First City National Bank of Midland concerning financing of the project, but Branson said he was not familiar with the letter.

Pickens said a subpoena had been issued to the hospital district for records relating to the project's financing, and requested that Branson produce the letter in question.

"The subpoena didn't ask us to go to the bank and search," said Austin attorney Kevin Reed for MMH. "We have complied with the subpoena."

Shultz smoothing over diplomatic rifts

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a shakeup of Central America policy makers, Secretary of State George P. Shultz is working to overcome resentment the personnel shifts have created between the State Department and the White House.

Shultz said Thursday that President Reagan is nominating career diplomat Thomas R. Pickering as ambassador to El Salvador — the third appointment in a month to a key post involving Central America policy.

The appointment of Pickering, who has served as ambassador to Nigeria for the past 18 months, followed expressions of outrage by some foreign service officers over White House handling of earlier personnel changes.

At the heart of the controversy was the criticism by unnamed White House officials of the performance of two outgoing career officers, the ambassador to El Salvador, Deane Hinton, and the assistant secretary for Inter-American Affairs, Thomas Enders.

In an effort to counter that criticism, Shultz and Undersecretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger both offered enthusiastic praise for the two officials on successive days.

The most biting remarks had been directed at Enders late last week after he was abruptly replaced by the ambassador to Brazil, Langhorne Motley.

One unnamed official, referring to Enders, told The Washington Post, "You don't handle Central America policies with tea and crumpets on the diplomatic circuit."

There were widespread reports that the replacement of Enders foreshadowed a harder



AP Laserphoto

On hand for a briefing on personnel changes in the State Department are, from left, John Hughes, George Shultz, Thomas O. Enders, Thomas Pickering and Langhorne Motley.

line policy toward Central America but Shultz said Thursday the administration had no such intention.

"The policy developed by the president ... and Tom (Enders) and Deane (Hinton) is the policy and remains the policy," Shultz said.

Shultz said the transfer of Hinton and Enders after two years on the job was routine. In Enders' case, however, other officials have said he had difficulty in his relations with the White House,

particularly with National Security Adviser William Clark.

Normally, the White House announces the nomination of ambassadors and other presidential appointees with no public comment from the State Department.

But Shultz departed from that policy Thursday, announcing the appointment of Pickering and using the occasion to heap praise on both Enders and Hinton.

He credited both with "magnificent" performances under trying conditions. Less than 24 hours earlier, Eagleburger — the highest ranking career diplomat — praised them as "the best the foreign service produces."

The first appointee to the new State Department team was former Florida Sen. Richard Stone, the special envoy for Central America who flew to El Salvador Thursday, his first full day on the job.

Last Friday, a month after Stone's appointment, Motley was named to replace Enders.

Neither Stone nor Motley is a career diplomat and Shultz appeared to take special satisfaction Thursday in announcing the nomination of Pickering, a foreign service officer, to replace Hinton.

Other officials said Clark had recommended to Reagan that Gerald E. Thomas, a political appointee who serves as ambassador to Guyana, be named to replace Hinton.

The nomination of Thomas — described by one official as the "candidate of the right" — would have placed political appointees in all three posts affected by the shakeup.

INSIDE TODAY

Inter-agency aid

County Judge Bill Ahders, pictured, opposes the suggesting that one police agency bill another for services during a rate joint meeting of Midland County Commissioners and Midland City Council.

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A new pastor for a Midland church is among 59 appointments for United Methodist churches in Northwest Texas announced Thursday during a conference in Lubbock.

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Fair and warm Saturday with a high in the low 90s and mild breezes. Details on Page 2A.

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WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast For 8 p.m. EDT
Friday, June 3
• High Temperatures



National Weather Service
NOAA, U.S. Dept. of Commerce
AP Laserphoto Map

The National Weather Service forecasts rain in Montana and an area of showers from North Dakota to the East Coast and Arkansas.

Warm weekend weather expected

A weekend of warm weather will bring out Midlanders in their teeny-weensy bikinis or other summer skimpies to bask under the sunny summer-time skies.

According to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport, tonight will remain fair and mild with a low dipping into the lower 60s. Saturday will be clear with a high in the lower 90s.

Tonight's easterly winds at 5-15 mph are expected to shift to southeasterly at 10-15 mph Saturday.

Friday's high of 98 missed the record high of 100, set in 1977, by only two degrees. The overnight low of 69 was 22 degrees off the record low of 47, set in 1947.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Fair tonight and Saturday. Mild tonight with the low in the lower 60s. Warm Saturday with the high in the lower 90s. Easterly winds at 5-15 mph tonight, shifting to southeasterly at 10-15 mph Saturday.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's high 98 degrees

Overnight low 69 degrees

Sunrise today 5:51 a.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 6:43 a.m.

Precipitation none inches

Last 24 hours trace inches

This month to date 2.17 inches

1983 to date 2.17 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a.m. 68 6 p.m. 98

7 a.m. 67 7 p.m. 97

8 a.m. 68 8 p.m. 96

9 a.m. 73 9 p.m. 88

10 a.m. 77 10 p.m. 84

11 a.m. 82 11 p.m. 84

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Denver 88 73

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Marfa 93 52

McAllen 94 76

Midland 98 70

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TEXAS AREA FORECASTS

West Texas: Fair to partly cloudy through Saturday. Highs 82 Panhandle to 102 Big Bend. Lows 52

Panhandle to 68 south. Highs Saturday 82 Panhandle with 90s to near 100 elsewhere.

North Texas: Fair to partly cloudy through Saturday. Highs 95 to 98 west and central to near 90

southeast. Lows middle 70s.

Border forecast

New Mexico: Mostly fair through Saturday with

light winds and a few afternoon clouds except partly

cloudy with a chance of showers northeast and north

central. Saturday afternoon. Highs mostly 70s moun-

tains and north, 80s to low 90s elsewhere. Lows

tonight 30s and 40s mountains, mostly 50s lower ele-

vations.

Parkview questions MMH letter

(Continued from Page 1A)

Testimony began Thursday morning on MMH's case. Witnesses for

West Plains, which is owned by an

Arlington corporation, were

expected to appear at the commis-

sion hearing late Thursday.

Parkview attorney Acé Pickens

questioned MMH President Ray

Branson about a letter from the

MMH board of directors to First City

National Bank of Midland concern-

ing financing of the project.

Although Branson said at the

hearing he was not familiar with the

letter, in a telephone interview

Thursday afternoon he added:

"I didn't even try to remember it.

It's best to have a letter in hand than

to remember something that was

written four months ago."

MMH Public Relations Director

Arlene Strickland said Thursday the

letter, requesting that First City

National Bank arrange interim

financing for the project, was omitted

from subpoenaed documents.

"It was an oversight," Ms. Strick-

land said. "It was telephoned this

(Thursday) afternoon."

Crane's artificial legs can't prevent his death

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Bonaparte, the feisty sandhill crane who lost his legs in a coyote trap but walked again with the aid of plastic limbs, has died of a heart attack.

The crane's death ended what officials said was a "milestone" effort to fit prosthetic legs onto the amputated limbs of the bird. "I'm totally bewildered. This morning, he was out in the back yard doing his mating call, and now he's dead," said Debbie McCreless, who had taken care of the male bird for several weeks since its fitting with the artificial legs.

"It must have been something internal," Mrs. McCreless said. "We're all in shock here. He looked perfectly healthy. He'd been gaining weight."

An autopsy conducted by Dr. Richard A. Schafer, a Corpus Christi veterinarian, showed that a rupture in a pulmonary artery of the 1- to 3-year-old bird sent blood into both its lungs.

Sandhill cranes have a normal life expectancy of about seven years.

Schafer said Bonaparte was in excellent condition, despite the heart attack, and showed no ill effects from the artificial legs.

Mrs. McCreless had taken care of the crane since its accident in January. Although veterinarians have fitted prostheses onto birds

which have lost one limb, Bonaparte's case reportedly was the first involving two amputated legs.

The trap which injured the crane cut its normal height by 5½ inches.

Mrs. McCreless aided Nueces County Commissioner J.P. Luby in enlisting two veterinarians to construct plastic artificial legs so that Bonaparte could walk again.

Sherman prosthetist Steve Prock devised two steel and plastic limbs. But Prock's combination prostheses proved too difficult for Bonaparte to master.

San Antonio John Karger, a member of a group specializing in rehabilitating injured birds, then participated in the case.

Karger fashioned suction cups onto the bottom of the artificial limbs, raising the bird to three-fourths of his natural height.

"He's dead, but I think we learned a lot from Bonaparte. He did walk on them (the legs). He did adapt to them. It's just that I wish he hadn't died," Mrs. McCreless said.

Schafer said heart attacks in the species are not uncommon because of the birds' habit of becoming "overexcited even when they have no reason to."

Luby said veterinarians called the use of artificial legs a "milestone in efforts to enable birds with amputated or damaged limbs to be rehabilitated."

Continued flooding predicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Record snowfalls mean the floods swamping parts of Utah are likely to spread, the National Weather Service warns, with danger imminent for California, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico and Nebraska.

Areas facing serious flooding include "much of southern Utah, areas along the Wasatch Range in northern Utah, many of the Sierra Nevada tributaries, much of northern New Mexico and the Platte Basin in western Nebraska," the weather service said Thursday.

Snowpack in the Sierra Nevada ranges from 200 percent to 300 percent above normal said Robert Clark, director of the service's Office of Hydrology. He said this poses a danger to the San Joaquin, Sacramento and North Coastal basins in California as well as parts of Nevada.

Record snowmelt is expected in the Great Basin and the Great Salt Lake and Utah Lake continue to rise, he said, with a peak likely this month or early in July.

The overall flood danger should continue two to three weeks depending on the weather and speed of the snowmelt, he said.

Clark said flooding in northern New Mexico could be expected in the next couple of days. He said affected areas are around Taos, and also could include areas north of Santa Fe and the San Luis Valley.

Snowpacks are unusually heavy in the Sangre de Cristos Mountains in northern New Mexico, he said. The Sierra snowpack also will have an effect in Nevada, where mudslides have already been reported near Lake Tahoe.

He said at least minor flooding was expected along the Colorado River basin in Wyoming and Colorado. And in the Missouri basin significant flooding was possible along the Platte River in Colorado and Nebraska.

"I've never seen so much snow on the ground in that part of the country ... it's unbelievable," Clark said of the Sierra Nevada.

He also warned that the hazard could spread to the Southeastern states, where floods have already occurred. The ground there is saturated, he said, and even relatively light rains could cause more flooding.

Some reservoirs in California have been drawn down to help handle excess water, Clark said, but the danger remains. And he added that many small, earthen dams may also be in danger if the snowmelt occurs too quickly.

Normally the western snowpack melts between April 15 and June 1, he explained, "but this year that hasn't happened."

Stan Schneider of the National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service displayed a variety of satellite photos of the Western states showing snow cover over many times the usual area at this time of year.

Clark noted that this has been an unusually wet year, with some flooding reported in every state except Arizona in the last six months.

Half of plane's passengers killed

CINCINNATI (AP) — A pilot managed to land his burning Air Canada DC-9 despite blinding smoke in the cockpit, but 23 of the 46 people aboard died in the fire within a minute after the plane touched down, authorities said today.

Among those killed was television manufacturer Curtis Mathes Jr., a Canadian resident returning home after a business trip.

Eighteen other people were taken to hospitals after the plane, Flight 797 from Dallas-Fort Worth to Toronto, landed at Greater Cincinnati International Airport in northern Kentucky at 7:19 p.m. Thursday. Sixteen remained hospitalized today at two Kentucky hospitals, two in fair condition and 14 in guarded condition.

The fire apparently began in a lavatory, said witnesses and Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Fred Farrar in Washington.

Jack Barry, assistant director of airport operations, said at a news conference today that all the victims died within one minute after landing. He credited the five-member crew for "getting off all those people who got off."

The fire's cause was unknown but it appeared to have started at the rear of the plane, he said. "When you have this, you have only a few seconds to get out," he said.

An Air Canada spokesman, Dave Pember, said he had "no reason to expect anything untoward" about the cause of the fire.

Rescue workers found bodies strapped in seats and in the aisles. Some were burned beyond recognition, others were less severely burned.

"I don't know why some got out and some didn't," Barry said.

National Transportation Safety Board investigators were sent to the airport to examine the charred aircraft, a DC-9 model 30 capable of carrying 101 passengers. Barry said the FBI also would be involved in the inquiry, because it routinely investigates air disasters.

Stone begins Salvadoran mission

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Special envoy Richard Stone holds get-acquainted meetings with government and civic leaders today as he begins his new assignment as chief U.S. troubleshooter for war-torn El Salvador and the rest of Central America.

Stone, who arrived here Thursday at the start of a 10-nation Latin American tour, faces the problem of trying to resolve the 43-month civil war between leftist guerrillas and the U.S.-backed government. That task is part of his overall mandate from President Reagan to help promote peace, democracy and economic development in the region.

U.S. officials in Washington say one of Stone's primary responsibilities will be to try to persuade moderate leftists to participate in the Salvadoran general elections tentatively scheduled for December. Leftists boycotted the March 1982 Constituent Assembly elections, saying their candidates would not be safe.

Elections for a new president and assembly had been scheduled for next March, but the Reagan administration reportedly feared such a wait would spur increased political infighting and detract from the war efforts.

Last month, Stone said the key to peace is free elections with all rival factions taking part. But he painted a generally pessimistic picture of his likely success as a U.S. emissary.

"This is going to be a very difficult mission," said Stone, 54, a former Democratic Senator from Florida who was a hard-liner in Congress against Fidel Castro and Cuba.

Stone made no comment after arriving here aboard a U.S. Air Force plane at Ilopango Air Base. A U.S. Embassy spokesman said Stone had come "to get to know the people of the region."



Pointing out landsat photos comparing normal snow cover and heavy snow cover in 1983 is Dr. Robert Clark, director of the office of hydrology

for the National Weather Service. Clark predicts flooding for Colorado, Nevada and California as snowmelt continues.

Utah residents begin cleanup amid warnings that 'worst yet to come'

By The Associated Press

Although northern Utah residents have begun the soggy job of cleaning up after massive mudslides and floods caused an estimated \$200 million in damage, officials warned people near Salt Lake City to "be prepared," because the worst is yet to come.

Meanwhile, the threat of dangerous flooding subsided slightly Thursday in Colorado, but rivers threatened to spill over their banks today in the western and northeastern parts of the state. Federal officials said water levels are "probably the worst ... in 40 years" in Nevada.

Hydrologists from the National Weather Service called a news conference Thursday in Washington to warn residents of other Western states — notably California, Nevada, New Mexico and Nebraska — to be ready for similar flooding from a record snowpack that is up to three times the normal depth for this time of year in the Sierra Nevada.

Federal officials in Nevada braced for what they believe may be the highest water levels on Lake Mead since Hoover Dam was completed on the Colorado River nearly a half-century ago. On Thursday, the lake was just nine feet below the dam's massive spillways, which have only carried water once — in a 1941 test.

Snowpack in the Wasatch Mountains to the east worries Salt Lake City officials, Holzworth said. At Brighton, a ski resort community about 25 miles southeast of Salt Lake City, 32 inches of snow has yet to melt.

"It's normally dry up there this time of year," said Terry Holzworth, flood control director in Salt Lake County. "If it heats up, the flooding could be down on us in a hurry."

"I don't want to scare anyone, but we need to be prepared, very prepared," Holzworth said.

Several Salt Lake City arterials already have been turned into sandbag-lined, makeshift rivers to carry mountain runoff. And more streets could be turned into sandbag rivers later this month when the swollen Big and Little Cottonwood creeks, Mill Creek and the Jordan River are expected to wash over their banks.

The threat of mudslides appeared to have lessened for several northern Utah communities Thursday as weary residents took advantage of



Utah Flooding

cooler weather to clean mud and water from their homes.

An evacuation notice for 1,000 Bountiful residents ended at 1 p.m. Thursday, although most of the evacuees had trudged back to their homes by late the previous day. In all, about 1,600 people had been evacuated from their northern Utah homes because of mud and flooding this week.

A warning to residents to be ready to evacuate 60 homes at the mouth of Steed Canyon in Farmington was lifted Thursday afternoon, said Davis County information officer Mel Miles.

Utah Emergency Services Director Lorayne Tempest said officials estimate the flooding and mudslides have cost an \$200 million so far, and the governor's office asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency on Thursday for aid for nine more counties, bringing the total to 13 out of the state's 29 counties.

As many as 40,000 volunteers have responded to pleas for help on the sandbag brigades since the flooding began late last week.

"You sure see people at their best and worst in something like this," Miles said. "We've had people who had their homes demolished and they can laugh about it."

In Colorado, residents were told to get ready for flooding as forecasters warned of an extra heavy snowpack in the mountains.

"The only way we can get through spring and summer without major flooding is if the snow melts slowly," said weather service hydrologist Larry Tunnel.

Air Canada DC-9 fire latest in series of airline problems

By The Associated Press

The loss of 23 lives at the Greater Cincinnati Airport on Thursday when an Air Canada DC-9 caught fire was the latest, and by far the most serious, of a rash of recent problems on airliners in the United States.

On Tuesday, an American Airlines 727 landed at Midland, Texas, on a flight from El Paso to Dallas-Fort Worth after losing oil pressure in one engine. The flight resumed after the engine was serviced.

Last Saturday, a Republic Airlines DC-9 made an emergency landing at an Air Force base near Phoenix, Ariz. after running low on fuel. It was discovered the plane had less than 5 gallons of fuel, enough for 30 seconds of flying time. Federal investigators said the plane had not been refueled at Fresno, Calif., as it should have. There were no injuries.

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Sylvia says success hasn't ruined her

By JOE EDWARDS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country music singer Sylvia recently returned to her Kokomo, Ind., home to find a sign her parents had made on the wall.

"Welcome Home Female Vocalist of the Year. We Love You," it said. "It just tickled me to death," the singer said after returning to Nashville two days later. "They've never done anything like that."

Three nights before visiting her parents, Sylvia had been chosen female vocalist of the year by the Los Angeles-based Academy of Country Music. At the youthful age of 26, she won the honor on national television over the more experienced Barbara Mandrell, Dottie West, Janie Fricke and Rosanne Cash.

The award capped off a remarkable year for the entertainer who shortened her name, Sylvia Kirby Allen, to just Sylvia for the stage.

Last summer, her song, "Nobody," topped the charts and was the only country music single in 1982 to earn a gold record — 1 million copies sold.

In December, she joined the country music elite by buying a bus to transport her and her five-member band to concerts.

"I paid more for it than I did for my home, and I've got a pretty nice home," she said. "Now I can sleep laying down."

Sylvia sang in public for the first



Sylvia

time only four years ago. She doesn't think success has ruined her.

"When I went home, this newspaperman I've known for a long time came out and interviewed me. He said he was nervous all the way out. I told him I was the same person I've always been," she said.

"I don't think I've changed personally, but confidence does come with success. I'm more positive than ever, even though I'm a very positive person. And I'm happier than I've ever been."

Still, there've been complications.

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she says. "You must become a good businesswoman and know about investments and all this stuff. I want to be a good businesswoman, but I need help from people who know more about it than I do."

Her private life changed when she and her husband of five years divorced in April.

"We married young and we grew apart," she said. "It's hard to find time to be married in this business. It was a mutual decision, and we were both happy about it. We're still friends. I call myself unmarried, not divorced."

Sylvia left Indiana — where her parents still work in a factory making car radios for General Motors — for Nashville the day after Christmas in 1976. She had never been on a date and could hardly drive. She was so poor that she didn't have a bed for five months. She used a couch to sleep on.

She was hired as a part-time secretary for \$62 a week by record producer Tom Collins. She eventually auditioned for a singing part and didn't get it, but Collins, who saw her potential, helped her make a demonstration tape. It earned her a recording contract with RCA in 1979.

The bubbly singer, who used to

practice performing in front of a mirror using a deodorant bottle for a microphone, said "Nobody" was popular for many reasons.

"The record company was behind it. The song was cleverly written. It was a song everybody has experienced: 'Who's that. Oh, nobody.' People heard it and identified with it."

"It had a bouncy beat. The kids liked it and could spend their allowance on it."

The song peaked in the summer when Sylvia was appearing at fairs across the country.

"I played 71 fairs in 90 days," she said. "Small county fairs that usually draw 3,000 were drawing 5,000 and 10,000."

Her latest album, "Sylvia," includes the single "Snapshot," which is moving rapidly up the country music charts. The picture on the album's cover shows Sylvia with an uncharacteristic hair style.

"People won't know me with my hair up," she said.

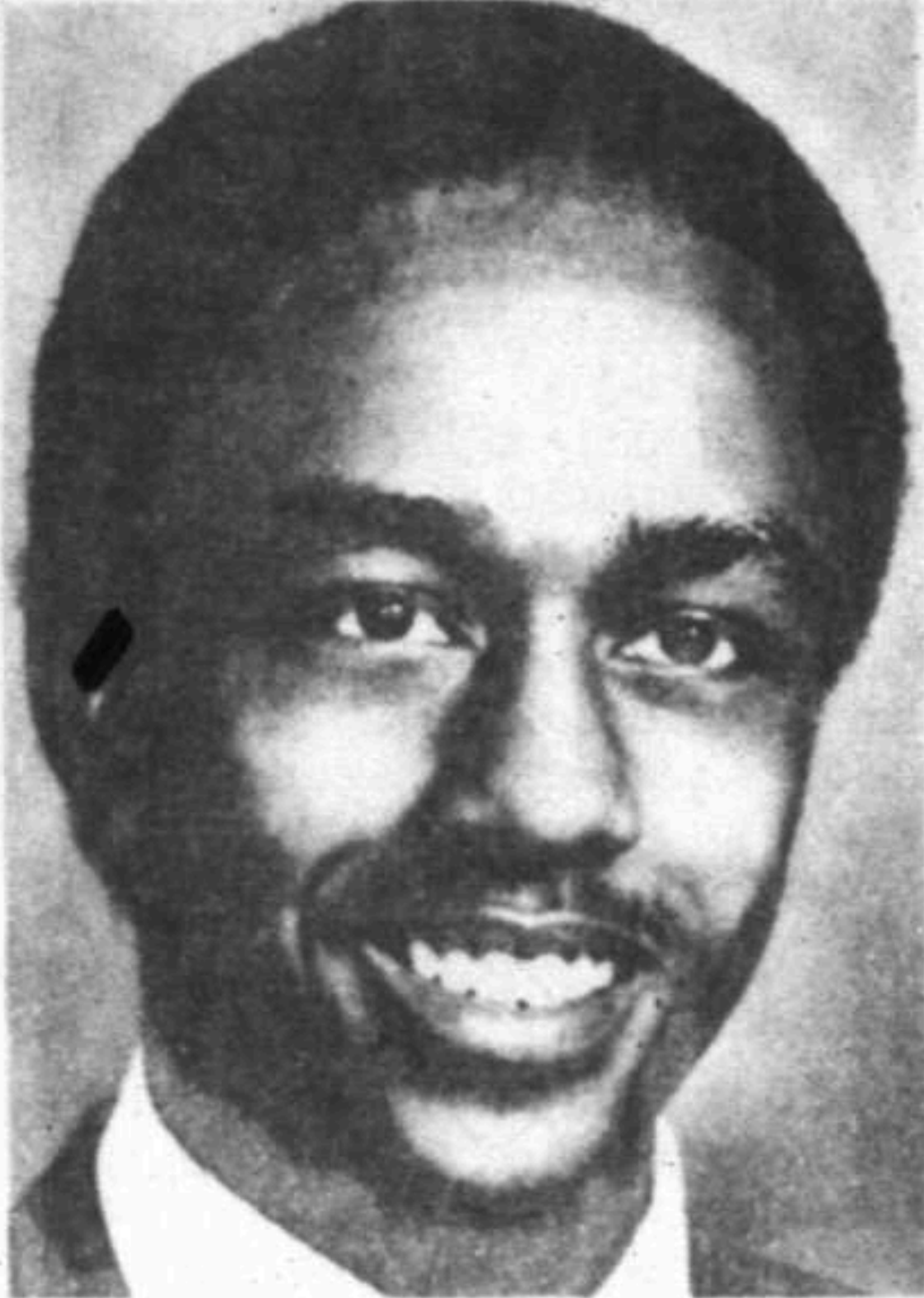
But her parents will. They used their video recorder when she won the top female vocalist award.

"They shouted and yelled so much when they announced my name that they missed the presentation," Sylvia said.

Regina Gail Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Howard of 2204 E. California, is the recipient of a scholarship from the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. A graduate of Midland High School, she was a member of TAME. She also was active in modeling.



James Charles Pitts III, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Pitts Jr. of 1318 Chestnut Lane, is the recipient of an award from the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. Pitts graduated from Midland High School with a 4.327 grade point average. He was a member of National Honor Society, Industrial Arts Club and Spanish Club. A varsity baseball and basketball player, he served as president of the Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering at MHS.



M. Douglas Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Scott, is the recipient of a gift from the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. A graduate of Lee High School, he was a member of the National Honor Society, TAME and JETS. A member of the varsity tennis team for three years, he was a member of the honor band for two and named to All-Region band one year. He received a PTA academic letter.



Rare footage compiled into film

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Joan Crawford is at the door of her daughter Christina's bedroom as the child says, "Good night, Mommie dearest."

Miss Crawford tells her, "Happy dreams." Then she faces the camera and says: "Sometimes I wonder if we truly appreciate...that greatest of all gifts...the knowledge that your child is happy and healthy."

The rare film clip from a public service announcement is included in the movie, "Hollywood Outtakes & Rare Footage."

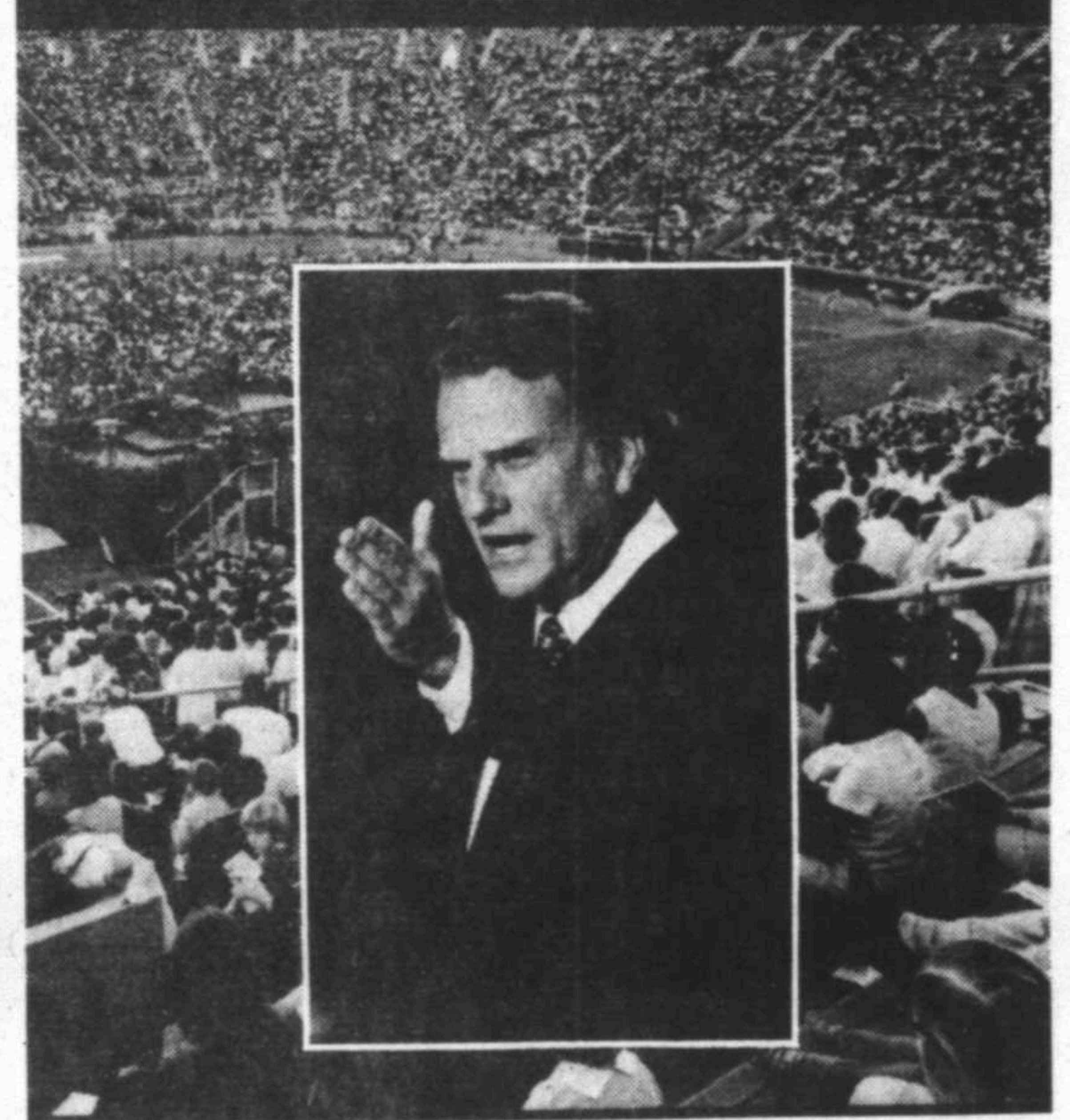
"That undoubtedly is the rarest

bit of footage in the movie," says Bruce Goldstein, who assembled the movie with Doug Rossini. "It's an old charity short that we came across in a theater. It was a curiosity then, but when Christina's book, 'Mommie Dearest,' came out, well, it took on a different dimension."

The movie also includes outtakes from W.C. Fields, Laurence Olivier, Marilyn Monroe, Humphrey Bogart and Mickey Rooney.

In one, James Dean takes a break on the set of "Giant" to make a pitch for automobile safety. It was his last film. He was killed in an automobile accident in 1955.

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City, county authorities not in harmony

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

A spirit of cooperation and harmony, mixed apparently with rivalry and jealousy, dominated a rare joint meeting of the Midland County Commissioners and the Midland City Council.

Midland Police Chief Wayne Gideon wanted financial reimbursement for his force assisting Sheriff Dallas Smith's deputies in investigations and emergencies.

Smith and County Judge Bill Ahders, a former Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent, rebuked the idea of one police agency billing another.

In a more harmonious stance, commissioners and councilmen renewed their pledge to unite in a Texas Department of Water Resources hearing July 7 in Odessa. They will try to block Odessa's permits to dump waste water down Monahans Draw, which cuts into Midland County. Midland contends the effluent is polluting underground water zones and is damaging farmland and roads when the channel overflows.

However, John Lowe, Midland's utilities director, said he would have no objections to the flow were Odessa to "clean up" its water in the event the Texas Water Commission grants the permits.

"MURDERS, RAPES, robberies...pretty well keep my people snowed down," said Gideon, who complained of tying up his experts, including a handwriting analyst, and of causing overtime by his officers in assisting the sheriff in investigations.

Gideon recommended a pay-back system but, unlike the sheriff, tendered no specific instances to back up his contentions.

"How many hours do we use your people (in back-up roles)?" the judge asked Gideon. "I used to do the same thing" as an FBI agent in Midland, and "I never did get a bill."

"It gets expensive," countered Gideon.

"It's got to be a two-way street," said Ahders.

In carrying on the debate, the sheriff cited four instances, including three murders and a self-defense killing by one of his deputies, since 1981 when the police assisted his deputies.

"The police chief had indicated we were using his people a good deal," said Smith. "Now, I don't necessarily think the city should be reimbursed."

Smith explained why:

—His deputies accompany police on calls and investigations into the rural areas, where city police have no jurisdiction.

—Police and sheriff narcotics teams unite in drug investigations and "busts." "It is a common thing for them to join together in situations both inside and outside the city," Smith said.

—The county handles federal prisoners, who are kept in City Jail.

—The county assumes medical



Midland County Judge Bill Ahders listens to a proposal that one law enforcement agency bill another when assistance is rendered.

costs on prisoners transferred from City Jail to County Jail, Smith said.

TO BOLSTER HIS case, Smith noted that since neither the city nor the county has a helicopter, either agency can call on the Texas Department of Public Safety for use of its helicopter and manpower in a search. The DPS does not bill for use of its helicopter, which is "a vital tool when you have a need of it," Smith said.

"We have absolutely no trouble saying, 'We need a helicopter' for some type of search situation. The Department of Public Safety does not send a bill for the service," said Smith, who noted that it's "the same taxpayers paying" for the services. "The end result is all the same."

The sheriff then backtracked and hit upon Gideon's argument for reimbursement for using his handwriting expert.

"The taxpayers paid for that knowledge that man has (acquired in school). His knowledge was made possible by the taxpayers to begin with."

"We (the county) do not send them (the city) a bill. It has not crossed my mind, quite frankly."

The law enforcement agencies serve the same function: the "protection of citizens," Smith said. The agencies are "using the same state statutes, same state laws."

"I cannot see why one should be billing the other."

Smith and City Councilman Tom Sloan briefly sparred over whose tax dollars go for what, including the FBI Academy, where selected sheriff's deputies and police officers and detectives are trained in criminology and investigative techniques.

"I'M NOT TRYING to get in an argument with Dallas," said Sloan. "There's a difference between



Staff Photos by Ron Japp

Pencil pushers

Midland County Sheriff Dallas Smith presents his arguments against a cross-agency billing process, proposed by Police Chief Wayne Gideon. Pencil in the foreground are, from left, City

Councilman Gordon Marcum II, City Attorney Joe Nuesse and Mayor G. Thane Akins.

county taxpayers and city taxpayers.

On a tax tangent, Commissioner Durward Wright said 15 percent of the countywide population (100,000) resides in the incorporated rural areas. He speculated that 15 percent pays 15 to 20 percent of the city-state 5 percent sales tax. "We wish we could get part of that for our budget."

In restating his case, Gideon asserted that "handwriting analysis is time-consuming" and expensive.

Ahders protested the philosophical drift of the discussion.

"I've never heard law enforcement have an argument like that,"

the judge said sternly. As an FBI agent, Ahders said he never had problems in getting help from, for example, the Texas Rangers. He said there was no jealousy over "who pays the bills."

"I've never heard of a problem such as the one the police chief brought up. I'm shocked we don't have better relationships" between the law enforcement agencies. "It should be tit for tat."

To strengthen his cause, Gideon noted his officers' overtime "is expensive." However, he did not tender any facts or instances to make his case.

"I don't see how we can talk if we

don't have statistics," the judge said. Wright said the drift of the debate was "philosophical" more than concrete.

TO HELP RESOLVE the city-county question, Councilman Steve Davidson suggested the lawmen "go through proper channels" before helping different law enforcement agencies.

"The bookkeeping would probably eat us alive on the thing," said Commissioner Win Brown.

The sheriff said his deputies have carte blanche to assist other agencies.

"He (a deputy) doesn't have to get

my permission. He always has my permission," said Smith. "If you don't help, you're going to have a problem. That looks like to me it's pretty simple."

City Manager Jim Brown and the judge fell into disagreement after Brown said the police need not get permission to cross over into sheriff's territory in life-threatening — emergency — situations. Brown did not view investigative work, such as getting fingerprints and blood and hair samples, as an emergency.

"It's an emergency situation if you want to get it to court," contended Ahders.

"Well, it's not life-threatening," said the city manager.

UMC announces appointments for Northwest Texas

From Staff Reports

LUBBOCK — Fifty-nine new pastoral appointments for United Methodist churches throughout Northwest Texas were announced Thursday during the final day of the Northwest Texas Conference's annual meetings at Lubbock's First United Methodist Church. The changes included one new pastor for Midland.

The Rev. Eugene E. Crane, a local pastor, is the new associate pastor at St. Paul's UMC at Midland. He comes from Anton UMC where he served two years. This is a new position.

All told, 64 churches will be receiving new pastors and associates as a result of the actions taken by the Conference's cabinet and Bishop Louis W. Schwenenger, who presided over the meetings.

Two of the conference's larger churches — St. Stephen UMC of Amarillo and Levelland UMC — will receive new pastors.

The Rev. James Smith becomes the new minister at St. Stephen's UMC, succeeding Jim T. Pickens who was named pastor of St. Paul's UMC in Albuquerque, N.M. The new pastor at Levelland UMC is the Rev. Jack Riley, who spent the last five years at Perryton and replaces the retiring minister, the Rev. Harold Cates.

Cates is one of five conference ministers who is retiring. Others include the Rev. Hendrix Townsley, pastor of Baird UMC; the Rev. Louis Crenshaw, pastor at Lazbuddie UMC; the Rev. Eldon Wyatt, an associate pastor at First UMC in Lubbock; and the Rev. Harold Q. Marcom, pastor of Ralls UMC.

Other changes included ministers who were granted leave of absences for a variety of reasons and had to be replaced, several pastors who transferred into the Northwest Texas Conference from New Mexico and other places, eight recently graduated seminary students who were assigned to their first churches and a few positions which were filled with student lay pastors.

Amarillo had the most changes with four churches receiving new pastors and one receiving a new associate pastor. Two churches in Abilene were assigned new pastors and another a new associate pastor.

Changes made in the Big Spring District, other than Midland, are:

Ackerly — The Rev. Gene B. Louder, the new pastor at Ackerly UMC, comes from Darrouett UMC,

where he served two years. He succeeds the Rev. Roy Havens, who was at the church five years and becomes pastor at Anton UMC.

Andrews — The Rev. Noble R. Wiltshire, the new pastor at Wesley UMC, comes from the New Mexico Conference where he served three years at Eunice, N.M. He succeeds the Rev. James Taylor, who was at the church two years and becomes pastor at Kress UMC.

Big Spring — The Rev. John T. Robertson, new pastor at Wesley UMC, comes from St. Luke UMC in Lubbock where he served as an associate pastor for two years. He succeeds the Rev. W.O. Rucher, who is taking a disability leave after four years at the church.

Cojocaro City — The Rev. L. Henry Salley, new pastor at First

UMC, comes from Paducah/See Vee/Dumont where he served seven years. He succeeds the Rev. M. Ronald Hamby who was at the church four years. Also the Rev. James J. Bryant, a student lay pastor, is the new pastor at St. Luke's UMC and Dorm UMC. He succeeds the Rev. Hazel House, a retired minister, who becomes pastor at Sundown/Whiteface UMC.

Loraine — The Rev. Alvareta G. Richards, new pastor at Loraine/Westbrook UMC, where she served one year. She succeeds the Rev. Charles Lummus, a local pastor.

O'Donnell/Draw — The Rev. Elmer E. Ward, the new pastor at O'Donnell/Draw UMC, comes from Aspermont UMC where he served 13 years. He succeeds the Rev. Michael Hinton, who was at the church two

years and becomes pastor at Vega UMC.

Seagraves — The Rev. William Gunkell, the new pastor at Seagraves UMC, comes from the New Mexico Conference where he was pastor at Hillcrest-Loving UMC in Garlsbad, N.M., for two years. He succeeds the Rev. Norman Patton, who was at the church one year and becomes pastor at Roscoe UMC.

Snyder — The Rev. Sammie Ellis, new associate pastor at First UMC, comes from Meadow/Parkview UMC in Brownfield where she served two years. This is a new position. Also the Rev. John M. Dorn, the new pastor at Union/Ira UMC, comes from Kress UMC where he served two years. He succeeds the Rev. Thomas Taylor who was at the church three years and has been granted a leave of absence.

Million-dollar suit goes to trial Monday

By RICHARD ORR
Staff Writer

A \$1 million civil rights suit lodged against five Midland Police Department officers is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Monday in federal district court here.

Named in the suit are officers Terry Garner, Vince Castillo, Ronald Keck, Ed Nicks and Victor Kuykendall. Also named are former officer Terry Lowe, the City of Midland and Chief of Police Wayne Gideon.

The officers are alleged to have beaten 19-year-old Walter Sowell, a furniture store employee arrested on disorderly conduct and public intoxication charges Oct. 16, 1981. His mother, Dortha Sowell, is a cook at the city jail.

Sowell was acquitted of the intoxication charge in Municipal Court, and the city attorney's office declined to prosecute the disorderly conduct complaint.

Sowell claims he was beaten at the booking desk the night of his arrest and later as he was being taken upstairs to a cell. He was treated for head injuries at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Lowe was suspended for 12 days, following an internal police department investigation, and Garner received a one-day suspension. Lowe later resigned rather than accept a transfer from patrol work to duty at Midland Regional Airport.

Police maintain Sowell injured himself when he struggled with them and struck his head on a door leading to the cell.

In addition to the suit, which was filed last October, Sowell requested an FBI probe of his brutality allegations.

In April, the Justice Department issued an announcement saying: "After a careful review of (the FBI's investigative report), we concluded that this matter should be dropped."

'Life. Be In It Day.' for people of all ages

Saturday will be a day to celebrate life.

For Midland and the rest of the nation, Saturday kicks off June as national Parks and Recreation Month. "Life. Be In It Day," has been promoted nationwide as the official celebration with each city growing its own list of activities.

Em Carnett, superintendent of the city recreation programs, began kicking up interest in the day several months ago by asking for ideas and participation from the public and organizations.

Her list includes something for people of all ages and abilities and runs from early morning to night.

The mini-triathlon gets the day off to a running start at 8 a.m. It consists of a 100-yard swim at the City of Midland Swim Center on North A Street, a three-mile bicycle race and a 1 1/4-mile run at Petro Parc course. Ms. Carnett noted contestants will go at their own pace, and that can be translated to mean "walking" the 100-yard swim and wheeling the bicycle around the designated course.

Canoe races and rides will get paddling at 1 p.m. at Watley-Barron

Park Lake. This event is being sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America. A coed recreational softball tournament will be played throughout the day at Hogan Park.

Splash Day at Doug Russell Pool on North Midland Drive starts at 2 p.m. Admission will be reduced to 25 cents per person and free soft drinks will be poured.

An orienteering course sponsored by the Camp Fire Girls will start at 4 p.m. at Hogan Park. The course will last 30 minutes and participants will be trying to get from point to point by using a compass and pacing their steps.

Senior citizens have scheduled a day of activities with pool and horse-shoe pitching starting at 9:30 a.m. Demonstrations of various arts and crafts will be given. Bingo will start at 12:30 and run until 2:30 p.m. And a summer fashion show will start at 3 p.m.

Evening entertainment will congregate in Hogan Park. Families are asked to bring a picnic supper.

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Court dismisses case against ex-officer

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

The assault case against ex-police officer John Roundtree, who was accused of beating up a burglar who had broken into his used-car office on the night of Feb. 19, 1982, has been dismissed in Midland County Court.

Roundtree, 39, had been indicted for beating and kicking 32-year-old Michael Ferrell Brown in police headquarters after Brown had been arrested by police after he allegedly burglarized Roundtree's Sherry's Auto Sales in southwest Midland. Two days following the indictment, the case, a Class A misdemeanor, was transferred to Midland County Court.

While the Roundtree case was pending, Brown, who had been convicted of forgery in 1977, was found guilty by a jury of burglary and was sentenced to seven years in prison.

The case against Roundtree, who had served on the Midland police force from August 1972 until his resignation in May 1981, was dismissed since Brown is imprisoned and the state was "unable to secure his presence as a witness" within the time allowed under the Speedy Trial Act, noted Assistant County Attorney Mark H. Dettman.

Further, Dettman said it would be unusual to subpoena a Texas Department of Corrections inmate on a bench warrant just for a misdemeanor case.

"I don't know if it's ever been done," he said.

Had Roundtree been tried and convicted of the simple assault, the maximum punishment would have been a year's confinement in County Jail and a \$2,000 fine. The least punishment would have been a probated sentence and no fine.



James Bradford was recipient of the Libery Bell Award given by the Midland County Young Lawyers Association. The award is given to a non-lawyer who promotes a better understanding of the Bill of Rights and U.S. form of government. A teacher of social studies for 25 years and a teacher at Lee High for 13 years, Bradford is active in the National Council for Social Studies Teachers, Texas Council of Social Studies Teachers, District 16 Grievance Committee and State Mock Trial Competitions.

DEATHS

Margaret Wales Minnie McEwen

Services for Margaret C. Wales, 81, of Dallas were to be at 2 p.m. today at the Highland Park United Methodist Church of Dallas.

Mrs. Wales died Thursday morning following a brief illness.

She was born Oct. 22, 1902, in Troup. She had resided in Dallas for the last 40 years and was a member of the Highland Park United Methodist Church. She was married in February 1928 to Herbert V. Wales in Fort Worth. He died Aug. 6, 1950, in Dallas. Mrs. Wales was a prominent bridge teacher and lecturer in Dallas. She had been residing in Midland the past six weeks at the home of her son and his family.

Survivors include a son, Herbert V. Wales of Midland, and six grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be sent to Hospice of Midland, Inc., P.O. Box 2621.

Leonard Sparks

Services for Leonard S. "Sparky" Sparks, of 3412 Boyd Ave., were Thursday in North A & W. Tennessee Church of Christ with David Wallace officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park directed by Newline W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Sparks died Tuesday in a Midland hospital.

Pallbearers were Thane Akins, A.L. Arnold, Layne Bearden, Amos Palma, Jimmy Rhoads and Ed Stewart.

A.H. Riley

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Services for A.H. Pat Riley, 80, of Harahan and formerly of Midland, Texas, were Thursday in Leitz-Eagan Funeral Home here. Burial was in the Garden of Memories Cemetery.

He died at his Harahan home after a lengthy illness.

A native of Slocumb, Ala., Riley was graduated from Auburn University. He was a lease broker and title contractor for major oil companies in the New Orleans area until his retirement. Prior to moving to the New Orleans area, Riley had lived in Midland where he was a charter member of the Petroleum Pioneers. He was associated with the California Co. and Standard.

After retiring to Harahan, Riley was active in establishing the Harahan Senior Center, a charter member of the local chapter of American Association of Retired Persons, and a member of Harahan Knights of Columbus and St. Rita's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Bodecker Riley; two daughters, Patricia Riley Kamman of New Orleans and Peggy Riley Corley of Lake Charles; two sisters, Ozila Smith of Mobile, Ala., and Gene Nettleton of Odessa, Texas; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Vista Weatherby

ANDREWS — Services for Vista Weatherby, 83, of Andrews were to be at 10 a.m. today at First Baptist Church here with the Rev. H.A. Hanks officiating. Burial was to be in Andrews Cemetery, directed by Singleton Funeral Home.

Mrs. Weatherby died Wednesday at an Andrews hospital following a brief illness.

She was born March 1, 1900, in Ector. She married Onnie Gordon Weatherby in Ector. He died Feb. 17, 1959. She moved to Andrews 49 years ago from Fannin County. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and past member of Eastern Star.

Survivors include three sons, Woodard P. Weatherby of Lafayette, La., Bob James Robert Weatherby and Joe K. Weatherby, both of Andrews; a stepson, Ural Gordon Weatherby of Fort Worth; a brother, R.L. Pritchett of Austin; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Houston may have to lay off teachers

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Independent School District faces a \$86 million budget deficit over the next two years that could force layoffs of up to 800 employees or substantial program reductions, officials say.

That deficit assumes teachers will receive only the required step pay increase of about 3.5 percent, Michael Novack, associate superintendent for budget, told trustees Thursday.

Officials said only state funding increases granted through a special legislative session can prevent the layoffs or cutbacks.

The district lost about \$16 million in state funds under the budget the Legislature recently approved. Although Gov. Mark White has indicated he may call a special session, officials concede chances are slim it could be completed the district must adopt a budget by Sept. 1.

Teachers hatch 'eggcentric' project

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) — Sixth-grade students in the Wilkerson Intermediate School masterworks classes always had thought their teachers were a bit eggcentric, but when they announced their "egg fostering" program, they knew they weren't all they were cracked up to be.

Parents weren't too excited either. When Natalie Barnett told her mother she was going to become a foster parent, she replied, "Not in my house, you don't."

Overall, most parents liked the idea, although some weren't too happy with the forms from the Texas Department of Human Resources they had to fill out — the same forms that must be completed before custody of human children is granted.

Environmental health checks and fire inspections of prospective parents' homes were made as well as that of the psychological environment in each home. For example, did the project meet with the approval of the prospective grandparents? Were there siblings who would ridicule the egg? Did pets have their rabies shots?

The official application was altered slightly with the addition of a blueprint of each student's room, which was to be inspected regularly by the unit supervisor (parent), a requirement that met with overwhelming approval from grandparents.

That the egg wouldn't be living in a negative home environment had to be established before egg custody would be granted. Then, each student was interviewed by visiting Judge Van Stovall, who questioned them about such things as egg names and why they chose certain eggs.

Several boys chose girl eggs but only one girl chose an egg of the opposite sex.

John D. Moore said his mother

told him girls were easier to take care of and he found this to be true as his egg was one of only six of the 45 that didn't crack up.

Sharon Fagan chose a boy because "I have a younger brother and a nephew" and because "I like boys, for one thing. And my egg had a big freckle and I thought he was kind of cute."

After custody of egg was granted, students soon learned that being an egg foster parent is like walking on egg shells. They had to take their eggs with them everywhere, including to lunch and recess. If an egg were left at home, the student had to submit a signed note stating that the foster egg was being properly taken care of by an egg sitter. Each egg was allowed a maximum of one day absent from school.

Each student was required to keep an egg journal and many built rooms for their eggs, one complete with a glowing lamp. Several fashioned wardrobes for their "children."

Sometimes, students left their foster eggs in a nursery at the school. A few discovered, after leaving their unattended, that they had been "eggnapped."

A couple of the eggs were victims of the ultimate in egg abuse — murder. In reminiscing about his lost loved one, Alex Harvey explained how Zaphod Beeblebrox seemed destined to become egg salad from the very beginning.

The egg "almost got smushed by some crazy teen-ager on a Moped ... Luckily Zaphod landed on an ant bed," he said.

The tragedy happened at recess. Alex said, when a friend attacked it. "I struggled for my egg's life. But he got smushed and I got beat up," he recalled in his journal.

One student was charged with "neglect of egg" when it slipped out of its blanket and hit the desk.



Sixth-grade teacher Debbie Alonzo, in the background, watches a couple of her students pick eggs for a class project at the Wilkerson Intermediate School in The Woodlands, Texas, recently.

Houston mayor says layoffs better than increased taxes

HOUSTON (AP) — Layoffs and budget cuts are better than a tax increase, Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire said in announcing plans to deal with falling revenues.

The mayor called Thursday for layoffs of "some number" of the city's 20,000 employees, but declined to say how large that figure would be under his fiscal 1984 spending plan.

Her personnel director, Barbara Litchfield, said she has heard predictions ranging from 300 to 1,000.

"I personally think it will end up more in the area of 500 to 600," Ms. Litchfield said. "But that's just my opinion, it's not fact."

Mrs. Whitmire said the situation is identical to that which businesses are facing in the current recession.

"I feel that the economy is very difficult in Houston and that people in the public sector must face the same difficult choices and the same sacrifices as people in the private sector," she said.

Mrs. Whitmire said police and fire department workers would not be laid off.

The mayor said she hoped the City Council would approve the budget

before the fiscal year begins July 1.

However, several council members — stung when required to cut the 1983 budget because revenues fell millions of dollars short of what Mrs. Whitmire's administration had predicted — vowed an exhaustive review of the plan would be conducted.

Councilman John Goodner and other council members said they would consider an increase in the city's current tax rate of 49.5 cents per \$100 valuation so that municipal services would be improved.

Contending that the city must decide what is most important, Mrs. Whitmire said her top priorities are police protection and street repairs. She said her proposed budget will permit recruiting and training of eight new police cadet classes to train 560 new officers.

Mrs. Whitmire also said there will be drop decline in efforts to resurface city streets.

Revenues from property and sales tax are not expected to exceed \$636.1 million, the amount of the 1983 general fund, the mayor said.

'Life.' festivities for everyone

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Parachute play and new games will run from 7 to 7:45 p.m. The evening entertainment will get rolling at 8 p.m. with Susie Hitchcock and her partner, Tony Corbell, performing special dance routines on the stage of the Showmobile. Duke Jimerson will act as master of ceremonies.

Also featured will be clowns and a

professional magician. The Roadrunners, a country-western band, will begin performing at 9 p.m. for listeners and dancers.

No registration is required for any of the events and no prizes will be awarded.

"Just show up," said a spokesman with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Cocaine seized at border

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A Texas border checkpoint stop has led to the seizure of an estimated \$10 million worth of cocaine and the arrests of a La Mesa man a Cuban citizen, federal officials say.

Thomas Blacklock, an agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration in San Diego, said the episode began Saturday, when U.S. Border Patrol agents stopped a car at a checkpoint 80 miles southeast of El Paso.

The patrol discovered 17.5 pounds of cocaine worth \$5.25 million in the car.

Val Collier

Services for Val Collier, 67, of rural Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary with Dr. Daniel Vestal officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park directed by Newline W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Collier died Wednesday in a Midland hospital after a long illness.

Survivors include his wife Opal, of Midland; a son, Gary Collier of Midland; a daughter, Carolyn Kay Teller of Midland; his father, J.C. Collier of Rochester; a brother, Aubrey Collier of Odessa; two sisters, Charlene Mitchell of Rochester and Loretta Marrow of Quitman; and a grandson.

Pallbearers were to be Ray Horton, Frank Houghton, Frank Rasure, Hoyt Mann, T.J. Brown, Monty Coldwell, Bob Preston and Scotty Alcorn.

Honorary pallbearers were to be members of the 710 Club and other members of Alcoholics Anonymous.



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